

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-21 (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended): An integral plastic and metal part comprising:

a metal component having a closed cross section defining an interior and exterior and having a first opening defining edges and a second opening ~~opposite said first opening~~ for allowing a core tool to be inserted into said interior of said metal component during a molding operation; and

a plastic component disposed about at least a portion of said exterior of said metal component, a portion of said plastic material disposed through said first opening and including a flange extending beyond said edges of said first opening and into said interior of said metal component for securing said plastic component to said metal component, said plastic component not covering said second opening;

wherein said plastic component includes at least one integrally formed connection member extending outwardly therefrom, said at least one connection member having an area defining at least one connection portion formed therein, wherein said at least one connection portion is operable to receive a fastening member so as to permit said plastic component to be fastened to at least one other component.

23 (Canceled)

24. (Previously Presented): A part as set forth in claim 22 wherein said flange is rectangular.

25 (Canceled)

26. (Previously Presented): A part as set forth in claim 22 wherein said plastic part includes ribs.

27-28 (Canceled)

29. (Previously Presented): A part as set forth in claim 22 wherein said edge of said first opening is curved.

30. (Previously Presented): A part as set forth in claim 29 wherein said flange extends beyond said curved edge of said first opening.

31. (Previously Presented): A part as set forth in claim 22 wherein said second opening is defined by a second edge in said metal component, said second edge being folded.

32. (Previously Presented): A part as set forth in claim 22 wherein said plastic part includes attachment holes therethrough.

33. (Previously Presented): A part as set forth in claim 22 wherein said first opening comprises a series of openings.